GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
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NATIONAL SCHEDULED TRIBE FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which and the objectives for which the National Scheduled Tribe Financeand Development Corporation was set up; and

(b) the extent to which the objectives have been achieved?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM):

(a) (i) The National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (NSTFDC) was setup on the 10th of April, 2001 as a Government Company under section 25 of the Companies Act,1956 (A company not for profit), following bifurcation of the National Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC).

(ii) NSTFDC has been set up for the economic development of eligible Scheduled Tribe beneficiaries with an annual family income up to double the poverty line by providing financial assistance for undertaking viable income generating activities, and imparting training to them for entrepreneurial development.

(b) The Details of NSTFDC`s performance {Post incorporation) during the last two years are as under:-

(i) During 2001-02, Rs. 60.00 crores was nationally allocated for the sanction of Schemes/ Projects. Against this target, NSTFDC sanctioned 140 Schemes/Projects with NSTFDC`s sharebeing Rs. 63.25 Crores. This includes financial assistance of Rs. 3.00 crores sanctioned to TRIFED for providing marketing support to Scheduled Tribe beneficiaries for minor forest produce.

(ii) During 2002-03, Rs. 80-00 crores was nationally allocated for the sanction of newSchemes/ Projects. This marks an increase of 33% over the previous year. Against this target, the Corporation sanctioned 162 schemes with NSTFDC`s share being Rs. 98.98 crores. It includes financial assistance of Rs. 5.00 crores sanctioned to the Girijan Co-operativeCorporation Ltd. (GCC) for providing marketing support for Minor Forest Produce (MFP) and aterm loan of Rs. 24.00 crores to the Andhra Pradesh ScheduledTribes Co-op. Finance Corpn. Ltd. (TRICOR) for establishing Coffee Plantation in ITDA,Padaru, Distt.Vishakhapatnam.